

**FAIRFAX COUNTY ATHLETIC COUNCIL
MINUTES**

May 18, 2005

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Harold Leff, Hunter Mill District
Barbara R. Lowrey, Mason District
Wesley M. Viilo, Jr., Mt. Vernon District
Stephen McLaughlin, Providence District
Roger Sims, Springfield District
David Lacey, Sully District
Elizabeth T. Bradsher, Member-At-Large
Jeffrey E. Stein, Town of Clifton
Jerry Carter, Town of Herndon
Rob Hahne, Fairfax County Baseball Council
Robert L. Panek, Fairfax County Girls' Fast Pitch Softball
Carl Coan, Fairfax County Adult Softball Council
Rocky Styer, Alternate, Fairfax County Football Board of Commissioners

COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES:

George Lovelace, Fairfax County Park Authority
Brian Daly, Fairfax County Park Authority
Paul Jansen, Fairfax County School Board
Patricia Franckewitz, Department of Community and Recreation Services
Karen Avvisato, Department of Community and Recreation Services
Jesse Ellis, Department of Community and Recreation Services
Ashlee Currie, Department of Community and Recreation Services

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Joseph E. Jozefczyk, Braddock District
Michael Champness, Dranesville District
Lula Bauer, Lee District
J. Marcelo Gangotena, Diversity-At-Large
Sam Althoff, Town of Vienna
Tom Moore, Fairfax County Youth Basketball Council
Mark Meana, Fairfax County Football Board of Commissioners
Bill Harvey, Fairfax County Lacrosse Council
Tricia Johnson, Fairfax County Volleyball Council
Jacqueline Stephens, Fairfax County Women's Sports Programs

GUESTS: Ralph Wills, Fairfax County Soccer Advisory Council

Meeting Opening – The meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m. by Stephen McLaughlin. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

Citizens to Address Council – None

Presentations to Council – None

Administrative Items –

On motion, the Council approved the minutes from the April 20, 2005, meeting.

Chairman's Items

Election of Officers – The following nominations were presented for the 2005-2006 FCAC officers:

Stephen McLaughlin, Chairman
David L. Lacey, Vice Chairman
Harold Leff, Secretary

Action: Mr. Coan moved to accept the slate as presented. Mr. Sims seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

Turf Fields: Fee structure for the use of Ellanor C. Lawrence Park.

- A committee needs to be set up to determine the equitable placement of the fields
- What funding sources are available
- Fairfax County Park Authority has not yet discussed whether they can use some of the current funds for the development of turf fields
- Park bond funds have been designated for specific projects, but funds can be re-designated based on needs

Mr. Jeff Stein and Mr. Ralph Wills volunteered to work on this committee.

Field Maintenance Committee: Nothing to report

Protecting Our Fields (Walk on Use) Committee:

- The committee met a final time and discussed a recommendation to draft a new county ordinance to require permits for organized sports. The policy or ordinance is not intended to restrict small groups, families, or individuals from using athletic fields.
- The committee presented the walk-on use issues to the FCPA Board. There was a general buy-in from the FCPA Board regarding policy change and ordinance for organized groups.

- The final report for the Board of Supervisors will be ready in a couple of weeks.

Application Fee: Nothing to report

Bylaws: The bylaws are complete and the final copy is ready to go to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

Matters of interest from Governing Bodies:

Information – Fairfax County Park Authority: Nothing to report

Information – Fairfax County School Board : Nothing to report

Information – Community and Recreation Services: Patricia Franckewitz, Director, CRS

- Staff is finishing the work on the MOU, Maintenance and Walk-On-Use Committees
- A Board Item will be written for the Council Bylaws
- Request for proposals for the sportsmanship training programs will be out in the next couple of weeks

Old Business - None

New Business - Mr. Rob Hahne stated that the community relies heavily on high school 90' fields. Twenty-four of the twenty-seven fields are high school fields. Eight 90-foot fields were pulled for Bermuda grass installation this summer. He would like a new policy that only allows a certain amount of fields to be closed each season.

He pointed out that Mr. Jansen has helped tremendously with getting fields back on line.

Mr. Sims moved to support the FCPA 2232 hearing for the master plan at Nottoway Park. Motion passed unanimously. A letter of support from the Council will go to the Planning Commission.

Adjournment - On motion, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Avvisato
Division Supervisor
Athletic Services, CRS